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Re the Application of

AKIHIRO OZEKI

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For: ELECTRONIC APPARATUS, ELECTRONIC APPARATUS SYSTEM, AND  
OPERATION MODE SWITCHING METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CITING APPLICATION  
INCLUDING PTO-1449

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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The attached applications identified in the attached Appendix are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of their U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination.

A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

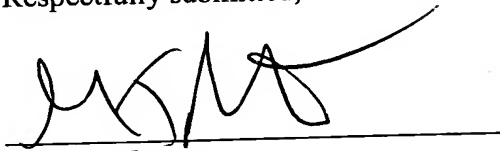
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In addition, an English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

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## **APPENDIX**

### **Concise Explanation**

(1) JP 2002 049440 discloses a portable information device that integrates a fuel battery panel with an air channel for ventilation. (2) JP 2002 063920 discloses a fuel cell device that prevents water from flowing back into a fuel cell from a water tank even if the device is tilted.



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